THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) and (b) The improve;ment of infrastructural facilities including budget accommodation is a continuous process. The Ministry of Tourism extends financial assistance to State Governments to undertake such projects every year based on specific proposals received from them. The projects identified for financial assistance during current year include the following Budget Accommodation Units:—

1. Yatri Niwas at Vrindavan
2. Yatri Niwas at Kushinagar
3. Tourist Reception Centre at Agra
4. Tourist Reception Centre at Varanasi
5. Yatri Niwas at Chiniyalisaur
6. Tourist Huts at Gangotri
7. Tourist Huts at Yamunotri

Industry Status to Tourism

3984. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given Industry status to tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the notification issued in this regard;

(c) the names of States which have given the Industry status to tourism; and

(d) what are the benefits to be derived from this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM: (SHRI OMAK APANAG): (a) and (b) The Union Government has been providing a number of incentives to tourism related activities. However, no notification has been issued by amending the Industrial Development Regulation Act as there is no manufacture or production of any of the articles mentioned in the first schedule of the Act.

(c) and (d) The following States/Union Territory Government have declared Tourism as an Industry by extending incentives/concessions regarding water, electricity and tax benefits and subsidies on interests/loans.

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Arunachal Pradesh
3. Assam
4. Bihar
5. Gujarat
6. Haryana
7. Himachal Pradesh
8. Jammu & Kashmir
9. Karnataka
10. Kerala
11. Madhya Pradesh
12. Manipur
13. Maharashtra
14. Meghalaya
15. Mizoram
16. Orissa
17. Punjab
18. Rajasthan
19. Tamilnadu
20. Tripura
21. Uttar Pradesh
22. West Bengal
23. Andaman & Nicobar Islands
24. Lakshadweep
25. Pondicherry

पर्यटन का विस्तार

3985. **श्री नागमणि**: क्या पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के उत्तरार्द्ध में समस्त विश्व में पर्यटन में वृद्धि होने की संभावना है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कि भारत इस वृद्धि का अधिकतम लाभ उठाए, कौन-कौन सी योजनाएं/कार्यक्रम तैयार किए जा रहे हैं; और

(ग) क्या ऐसे खेलों, जो कि भारत की प्राचीन संस्कृति और धर्म से जुड़े हुए हैं, की ओर पर्यटकों को आकर्षित करने के लिए किसी विशेष परियोजना पर विचार किया गया है?

पर्यटन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री ओमाक अपांग): (क) विश्व पर्यटन संगठन (डब्ल्यू टी ओ) द्वारा की गई भविष्यवाणी के अनुसार वर्ष 1997 से 2000 तक विश्व पर्यटक यातायात में 3.2 प्रतिशित की दर से वृद्धि होने का तथा वर्ष 2000 ई. तक 673 मिलियन तक पहुंच जाने का अनुमान है।

(ख) और (ग) अनुमानित वृद्धि से भारत के लिए अधिकाधिक लाभ अर्जन हेतु बनाई गयी योजनाओं/परियोजनाओं में शामिल हैं— विशेष पर्यटन क्षेत्र और अवसंरचना का समेकित विकास, निजी निवेश को आकर्षित करने के लिए प्रोत्साहन, मानव संसाधन विकास, प्रचार प्रसार एवं विपणन प्रयासों का सुदृढ़ीकरण, अनुसंधान और कम्प्यूटरीकरण आदि। सांस्कृतिक एवं आध्यात्मिक पर्यटन के संवर्धन के लिए विशेष योजनाओं में शामिल है—स्मारकों का सौंदर्यीकरम और उसके आस-पास के क्षेत्र का सुन्दरीकरण, तीर्थस्थलों का विकास, ध्वनि एवं प्रकाश प्रदर्शन और स्मारकों आदि की प्रकाशपुंज व्यवस्था।

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STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting the reply given in tlie Rajya Sabha on the 3rd June, 1998 to Unstarred Question No. 803 regarding tecnicians in ITBP.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): Sir, I lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd June, 1998 to Unstarred Question No. 803 regarding technicians in ITBP.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Memorandum of Understanding (1998-99) Signed between Govt, of India and National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Ltd.

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): Sir, I lay •on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Power) and National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited, for the year 1998-99. [Placed in Library. See No. LT—1266/98]

I. Reports and Accounts (1996-97) of Jute Corporation of India Ltd. Calcutta and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1996-97) of Indian Jute Industries Research Association, Calcutta and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): Sir, I lay on the Table—

I. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Jute Corporation of India Limited, Calcutta, for the year 1996-97, together with the Auditors's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

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